

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the droplet separator ~~packets~~ packs ~~[[15]]~~ have reinforced end portions for the arrangement of the support ~~ing-construction~~ structure ~~[[7]]~~.

3. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions ~~[[6]]~~ are formed in a box-like manner.

4. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions ~~[[6]]~~ are penetrated by at least one rod-like ~~supporting member~~ post ~~[[9]]~~.

5. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, 5 characterized in that a plurality of rod-like ~~supporting member posts~~ ~~[[9]]~~ are connected with one another by a spray pipe carrying element ~~[[10]]~~.

6. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rod-like ~~supporting~~

member posts [[(9)]] consist of several parts and have a connection point outside of the reinforced end portions [[(6)]].

7. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one rod-like supporting member post [[(9)]] or a plurality thereof extend upwardly and downwardly from the reinforced end portion [[(6)]].

8. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a rod-like supporting member post [[(9)]] is insertable into a reinforced end portion [[(6)]].

9. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting construction structure is formed by supporting member posts [[(16)]] which are disposed between adjacent droplet separator packets packs [[(15)]], respectively.

10. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting member posts [[(16)]] are connected to the separator packets packs [[(15)]] through flange connections [[(18)]].

11. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the supporting member posts $[(16)]$ carry the spray pipes $[(8)]$ directly.

12. (previously presented) A support ~~ing construction~~ structure $[(7)]$ for use in a flue gas washer $[(1)]$ according to claim 1.

13. (new) In a flue-gas washer having horizontally spaced supports, an assembly comprising:
a horizontally extending droplet-separator pack having ends bearing on the supports;
posts fixed in and extending upward and downward from the pack inward of the supports and forming clear access passages above the supports between the posts; and
horizontal spray pipes supported on the posts above and below the packs.

14. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each such pack has a pair of the posts extending upward and a pair of the posts extending downward and each pair of posts carries a respective one of the horizontal spray pipes.

15. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the posts are rods fixed to the pack.

1 16. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the
2 pack ends are reinforced and box-shaped.

1 17. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 upper post is aligned vertically with and formed unitarily with the
3 respective lower post from a single vertical rod centrally fixed in
4 the respective pack end.

1 18. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 pack is formed by a plurality of generally vertically extending and
3 horizontally spaced lamellae.

1 19. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 post has an inner end fixed to the respective pack end and an
3 opposite outer end, the assembly further comprising:
4 respective carrying elements on the outer ends holding
5 the spray pipes.